AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended)   A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up ~~an identical~~ a unique ~~commodity~~item to be an auctioned ~~commodity~~item and a plurality of auction servers ~~at a plurality of auction sites~~ accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for ~~an auction~~ auctions of the ~~auctioned~~ unique ~~commodity~~item among the auction servers, the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of ~~the auction servers at the auction sites that have been selected by the user from among~~ the selected auction servers ~~at the selected auction sites~~ to receive a notification that the ~~auctioned~~ unique ~~commodity~~item of the user has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers auctioning the ~~auctioned~~ unique ~~commodity~~item simultaneously ~~at the selected auction sites~~ to the plurality of buyers accessing the selected auction servers~~sites~~;

gathering trade information of how the ~~auctioned~~ unique ~~commodity~~item has been bid for at the selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction

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~~sites~~ servers the highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order

to adjust the bid prices to the highest price over all the selected auction ~~sites~~ servers;

and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the unique item

~~information~~ and outputting the auction result,

wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers which

accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the ~~auctioned~~ unique

~~commodity~~item.

2.   (canceled)

3.   (currently amended)   The method for auction brokerage service as

claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers

to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when

the computer has found that there is no bid for the unique ~~commodity~~item at the

selected auction servers ~~any relevant auction sites~~ by the date specified by the user.

4.   (currently amended)   The method for auction brokerage service as

claimed in claim 1, further comprising a step of notifying the other selected auction

servers ~~auction sites~~ of canceling the registration of the unique ~~commodity~~item by ~~an~~ a

selected auction server ~~site~~ with which the trade has concluded.

5.   (currently amended)   A method executed by a brokerage computer

residing between a user computer of an auction user putting up ~~an identical~~ a unique

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~~commodity~~<u>item</u> to be an auctioned ~~commodity~~<u>item</u> and auction computers of auction

organizers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform brokerage operation for

auctions among the auction computers, the method comprising steps of:

(a) receiving information about the ~~auctioned~~ <u>unique</u> ~~commodity~~<u>item</u> and ~~at~~

~~least one~~ specified auction organizer<u>s</u> from the user computer;

(b) sending the information about the ~~auctioned~~ <u>unique</u> ~~commodity~~<u>item</u> in the

name of the user to the auction computers of the specified auction organizers, the

auction computers auctioning the ~~auctioned~~ <u>unique</u> ~~commodity~~<u>item</u> simultaneously to

the plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction organizers;

(c) gathering trade information of how the ~~auctioned~~ <u>unique</u> ~~commodity~~<u>item</u> has

been bid for at the specified auction organizers;

(d) tendering to the other auction computers <u>of the specified auction organizers</u>

the highest bid price of the bid prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the

bid prices to the highest price over all the auction computers <u>of the specified auction</u>

<u>organizers</u>; and

(e) taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by the user

computer if the brokerage computer has found that there is no bid for the <u>unique</u>

~~commodity~~<u>item</u> at any auction computers <u>of the specified auction organizers</u> by the

date specified by the user including notifying said user computer of the auction result

<u>of the unique item</u> ~~information~~ and outputting the auction result,

wherein said auction computers are other brokerage computers <u>of the specified</u>

<u>auction organizers</u> which accept bids from a plurality of other user computers for the

~~auctioned~~ <u>unique</u> ~~commodity~~<u>item</u>.

6.   (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in
claim 5, further comprising a step of requesting the auction organizers to alter the
desired price specified by the auction user according to the instruction of the auction
user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

7.   (currently amended) The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in
claim 5, further comprising a step of notifying the other specified auction organizers of
canceling the registration of the unique commodityitem by an a specified auction
organizer site with which the trade has concluded.

8.   (currently amended)   A computer for residing between an information
terminal of a user putting up an identicala unique commodityitem to be an auctioned
commodityitem and auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to perform
brokerage service for an auction auctions of the auctioned unique commodityitem
among the auction servers, said computer comprising:

        (a) means for receiving information about the auctioned unique commodityitem
and at least one specified auction servers from said information terminal;

        (b) means for sending the information about the auctioned unique
commodityitem in the name of the user to the specified auction servers, the specified
auction servers auctioning the auctioned unique commodityitem simultaneously to the
plurality of buyers accessing the specified auction servers;

        (c) means for gathering trade information of how the auctioned unique
commodityitem has been bid for at the specified auction servers;

        (d) means for tendering to the other specified auction servers the highest

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bidding price among all bidding prices in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the

bidding prices to the highest price over all the specified auction servers; and

(e) means for taking an action in accordance with conditions specified by said

information terminal if the computer has found that there is no bid for the unique

commodityitem at any specified auction servers by the date specified by the user

including notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the unique item

information and outputting the auction result,

wherein said specified auction servers are other brokerage computers which

accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the auctioned unique

commodityitem.

9.   (currently amended) The computer as claimed in claim 8, wherein said means

for taking the specified action further comprises means for requesting the auction

servers to alter the desired price specified by the user according to the an instruction of

the user if no bid has been found by the specified date.

10.   (currently amended) The computer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising

means for notifying the other specified auction servers of canceling the registration of

the unique commodityitem by an a specified auction server with which the trade has

concluded.

11.   (new)   A method for auction brokerage service provided by a computer

that resides between an information terminal of a user putting up a single item to be an

auctioned item and a plurality of auction servers accessed by a plurality of buyers to

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perform brokerage operation for auctions of the single item among the auction servers,

the method comprising steps of:

selecting information of said auction servers suitable for the user's conditions

from among stored information related to said auction servers, in response to a

request from said information terminal;

transmitting an auction registration request in the name of the user to each of

the selected auction servers to receive a notification that the single item of the user

has been registered at the selected auction servers, the selected auction servers

auctioning the single item simultaneously to the plurality of buyers accessing the

selected auction servers;

gathering trade information of how the single item has been bid for at the

selected auction servers and tendering to the other selected auction servers the

highest tendered price of the bids in the name of a substitute in order to adjust the bid

prices to the highest price over all the selected auction servers; and

notifying said information terminal of the auction result of the single item and

outputting the auction result,

wherein said selected auction servers are other brokerage computers which

accept bids from a plurality of information terminals for the single item.

12.   (new)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 11,

further comprising a step of requesting the selected auction servers to alter the desired

price specified by the user according to the user's instruction when the computer has

found that there is no bid for the single item at the selected auction servers by the date

specified by the user.

13.   (new)   The method for auction brokerage service as claimed in claim 11,

further comprising a step of notifying the other selected auction servers of canceling

the registration of the single item by a selected auction server with which the trade has

concluded.